(b) if so, the reasons for not referring the matter to the Commission, for which it has been specifically created;

(c) whether the policy paper framed even suggests wholesale privatisation of PSUs including their outright sale;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor along with the norms of PSUs likely to be privatised?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) The policy of the Government on Public Sector is broadly spelt out in the Common Minimum Programme, which does not envisage wholesale privatisation.

Foreign tie-up to produce steam turbines and turbo generators

3080. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kirloskar group proposes to have tie-up with Italian Power Giant Ansaldo to produce high capacity steam turbines and turbo-generators;

(b) if so, where the project will be located;

(c) the amount involved in the said proposals; and

(d) the assistance the Union Government proposes to give for the said project?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) As per available records, no such application has been filed for foreign collaboration.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

SSI units in Madhya Pradesh

3081. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the medium and small scale industrial units lying closed in Madhya Pradesh as on date, district-wise;

(b) the total investments involved in these units;

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out the reasons for the closure of the units in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take for the revival of closed medium and small scale industrial units in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

अनिवासी भारतीय और उनके द्वारा पिछड़े क्षेत्र में निवेश किया जाना

3082. श्री नागमणि: क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अनिवासी भारतीय देश के पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में निवेश नहीं कर रहे हैं, जिससे इन क्षेत्रों का संतुलित विकास नहीं हो पा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार पिछड़े क्षेत्रों के विकास पर ध्यान नहीं दे रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन): (क) और (ख) सरकार की नीति के अनुसार, अप्रवासी भारतीयों को भारत में कहीं पर भी निवेश करने की अनुमति है, इसलिए परियोजना का स्थापना स्थल निवेशकों की पसन्द पर निर्भर करता है।

(ग) और (घ) जी, नहीं। पिछड़े क्षेत्रों के विकास के लिए सरकार विकास केन्द्र योजना, एकीकृत आधारभूत विकास योजना तथा परिवहन राजसहायता योजना चला रही है।

Sickness in Tea industry in Assam

3083. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the widespread sickness in tea industry in Assam and consequent plight of labourers who are on the verge of starvation and death; and

(b) if so, the long term and short term measures Government propose to take to revive sick tea industry in Assam?